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PRESIDENT DECIDES WAR STATE EXISTS

Thinks Situation Must Be Formally Recognized by Government.

MESSAGE IS DRAFTED

Cabinet Members Outspoken in Opinion That U. S. Must Take Stand.

BULLETIN

By United Press
WASHINGTON, March 30.—President Wilson has definitely decided that a state of war exists between the United States and Germany and has determined that this fact must be formally recognized by this government, according to his intimate advisers. This developed late this afternoon after the adjournment of a cabinet session lasting two hours.

President completed the first draft of his war message to Congress this afternoon. Throughout the morning, excusing himself from all callers, he worked on the message that it might be in definite shape for the cabinet session this afternoon.

The cabinet's views on the situation are outspoken and frank. One member described the situation when he said: "It is a situation where a mad dog must be stopped from further biting."

Following the custom he has always pursued after completing work upon some important matter, the President went for a long automobile ride before meeting his advisers. No official, as the cabinet went into session, would forecast the features of the message.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, March 30.—Only actual war was talked here generally today. Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg has definitely established the idea. President Wilson and his cabinet will meet this afternoon and are expected to shape the last details of the entry of the United States into the conflict.

Hollweg, weak and misleading in his argument, swept aside all doubt in the minds of international experts that President Wilson will make a forceful demand upon Congress for America to play a full part in the struggle. That the German chancellor has made a poor case for himself and Germany was the general view today.

The cabinet and the President are expected to determine the last of the details of the forthcoming war message today. The main part of the message, according to experts, will be directed toward the strong, active defense of America. That President Wilson is rapidly turning more strongly in favor of some form of universal military training was the opinion of officials who have followed events closely. The President has not announced himself on this important issue as yet.

Military men who know something of the seriousness of the situation declare that the war may be the bitterest the United States has ever participated in, hence the argument that universal military training should be adopted. These men say that military service should not be voluntary, since it would depend on the enthusiasm that may fall off later.

The pacifist element in Congress will be swept beneath the patriotic wave, according to officials today. Congress will uphold the President to the end, it now appears. The President, according to speculations, will outline only in a general way the long line of German offenses that have forced this nation to enter the war "not at its own choosing." That he will make Germany's guilt evident is regarded as a foregone conclusion.

That Hollweg's speech tried to cast the burden of responsibility on the United States indicated his fatigue. In the minds of high officials here. It is regarded as showing for the first time a lack of the chancellor's usual tact and a resignation to the inevitable.

Germany Holds U. S. Consular Agent.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, March 30.—Germany has freed all but one of the United States consular agents detained since the breaking of diplomatic relations between the two countries.

U. S. Orders 100 Submarine Nets.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, March 30.—Contracts for 100 steel cable submarine nets were awarded today to the American Steel Wire Company of Philadelphia. The contracts amount to

THE CALENDAR

March 31.—Vaudeville matinee by Twelfth Night Club of Christian College in college auditorium at 2:30 o'clock.
April 1.—"The Silver Box," a play under the auspices of the University Dramatic Club at 8:15 p. m. in the University Auditorium.
April 2.—Recital for graduation in piano by Miss Pauline Weiststein, and by Miss Kathleen McKay, at Christian College auditorium at 8:15 o'clock.
April 2.—Meeting of Pi Lambda Theta at 7 o'clock at the Elementary School.
April 2.—Dr. M. P. Ravenel will talk on "Medical Inspection in Schools."
April 13.—Jefferson Day Banquet at Virginia Grill; Governor Frederick D. Gardner to speak.
April 17 to 20.—Baby Conference, Parker Memorial Hospital, 10 and 12.
April 18.—Twelfth Annual Farmers' Fair, 10 and 12 o'clock, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday; 10 and 12 o'clock, Friday.
May 4.—Twelfth Annual Farmers' Fair, 10 and 12 o'clock, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday; 10 and 12 o'clock, Friday.
May 7.—Journalism Week begins.
May 11.—Made-in-Japan Banquet at Rothwell Gymnasium.

\$188,000. The nets will be of 12-foot mesh, 1,500 feet long and 34 feet deep. Deliveries will start within three weeks. Ten nets will be delivered each week thereafter.

Neutrals Answer Armed Ship Inquiry.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, March 30.—Some of the responses from European neutrals in answer to governmental inquiries as to how they would look upon the entrance of the United States armed merchantmen into their harbors indicated that these countries will pursue the same course as that adopted by the United States, namely, to decide on the merits of the case. The names of the countries responding were not given.

Democrats Nominate Officers.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, March 30.—Democrats of the House in caucus today, with thirty-one members absent, renominated by acclamation all old officers of the House.

ORDER INDICATES WAR

St. Louis National Guard Unit Told to Equip on Fighting Basis.

By United Press

ST. LOUIS, March 30.—Strong indications that the First Regiment, National Guard of Missouri, is to see more active service than guarding military points in and about St. Louis were contained in messages received by the officers of the regiment from the War Department at Washington today when the regiment was instructed to obtain equipment and supplies of war strength. The drawing on the government for 150 horses was ordered. The later order is considered of special significance as it is unusual for horses to be ordered unless a unit is to be sent into actual war campaigning.

4,000 More Guardsmen Called Out.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, March 30.—The War Department today added approximately 4,000 National Guardsmen to the 45,000 already called out for police duty during the last week. The call today affected three batteries of field artillery, two regiments of infantry and one squadron of cavalry.

Would Have Police Search for Spies.

WASHINGTON, March 30.—Every policeman in the country, from the best-starred constable to the New York blue-coats, will become an emergency agent of the Department of Justice in a search for possible spies or plotters, according to the plan of Attorney General Gregory made known this afternoon.

Committee to Teach Red Cross Work.

The committee on hospital supplies of the Red Cross Society will meet at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at Read Hall to give instruction in making the following hospital supplies: surgical dressings, surgical shirts, bandages, binders, slings, fracture pillows, night shirts and pajamas. The committee, of which Mrs. J. W. Rankin is chairman, will welcome all who are interested in this work.

M. U. Faculty to Hold War Meeting.

A meeting of the teachers and officers of administration of the University of Missouri will be held at 7:30 o'clock Saturday night in Room 130, Academic Hall. Resolutions in support of the position taken by President Wilson in the present international crisis will be considered.

Two Couples Get Marriage Licenses.

Marriage licenses were issued yesterday to Charles E. Gibbs, Columbia, and Miss Ima Davis, Salisbury; David A. Squires, Woodlandville, and Miss Mabel M. Fleming, Moberly.

NOTE OF DISCONTENT STRUCK IN REICHSTAG

Socialist Member of German Body Denounces Recent Zimmerman Plot.

FEAR OF U. S. VOICED

Preparation to Meet "A New and Powerful Foe" Urged by the Speakers.

By United Press

AMSTERDAM, March 30.—For the first time since the start of the war, a note of doubt as to Germany's future has crept into the Reichstag, according to a dispatch from Berlin received here today. One member, Stobin by name, was quoted as declaring in debate that he "hopes Germany is prepared to fight a new and powerful foe." He asserted all the Entente rulers were now sitting on unsafe thrones, even in Italy.

Socialist member Noske bitterly censured Foreign Secretary Zimmerman's Germany-Japan-Mexico plot against the United States and declared that "the Prussian system of government must be abolished."

Although dispatches from Berlin indicated approval of Hollweg's "no compromise" attitude on the submarine question, various reports of widespread discontent and a desire for political reform have been received here. Hollweg is quoted as saying the time is not here for considering political reform because the greater part of the population is now in the trenches.

Ships Warned Against Submarines.

By United Press
NORFOLK, Va., March 30.—Wireless warnings to all British ships, against the possibility of attacks by German submarines in nearby Atlantic waters, were sent out broadcast by Allied warships off the coast here this afternoon. The Allied warships have received orders not to anchor during the night.

Germans Fall Back Near Peronne.

By United Press
BERLIN, March 30.—The war office has admitted the retirement of troops in the face of superior British forces north of Peronne. It indicated preparation for a mass attack by the French troops in the Champagne sector but declared the French plans had been defeated by concentrated German artillery fire.

Petrograd Reports Violent Fighting.

By United Press
PETROGRAD, March 30.—The war office's statement today told of violent and continued fighting on the eastern front, featured by gas attacks and artillery fire.

Murder Jury Frees Denver Woman.

By United Press
DENVER, Colo., March 30.—After remaining out one and one-half minutes today, the jury in the case of Mrs. Della Newton Moore, charged with the murder of her husband, returned a verdict of not guilty.

Germans Repulse Canadian Regiment.

By United Press
BERLIN, March 30.—A Canadian regiment's attack on German positions east of Neville was repulsed four times last night with heavy losses for the enemy, according to today's official report.

Western Front of War Theater Quiet.

By United Press
PARIS, March 30.—No important activities on the western front were detailed in today's official statement from the war office.

Germans Claim Much Tonnage Sunk.

By United Press
AMSTERDAM, March 30.—Admiral von Capelle confidently advised the Reichstag main committee today that the ships sunk by submarines in February totaled 781,000 tons, according to a dispatch received here this afternoon.

French Take Munition Depots.

By United Press
PARIS, March 30.—The capture by advancing French forces of important munition and material depots was announced this afternoon. The war office also said there was an intermittent artillery duel from the Somme to the Aisne during the night, the French forces approaching near the enemy's line. The German forces bombarded Soissons with big caliber guns during the night.

'FEED YOUR COUNTRY' CAMPAIGN INITIATED

Dean Mumford and Agricultural School Faculty Make Plans.

FOOD INCREASE AIM

Bankers and Other Organizations to Be Urged to Aid the Farmer.

A "Feed Your Country" campaign

was initiated yesterday afternoon at a meeting presided over by Dean F. B. Mumford of the College of Agriculture and attended by members of the agricultural faculty. The campaign will give the farmers of this state an opportunity to render their country important service if war should be declared and also to increase their producing and earning powers according to M. N. Beeler, agricultural editor. A temporary plan was adopted with the following provisions.

1. To have the farmers plant larger areas of corn, potatoes, beans, and all garden products.
2. To urge every farmer's wife to can as large a supply of foods as can be preserved. A two years' supply if possible.
3. To request the doubling of the laying stock of chickens.
4. To urge the building of larger silos or more silos.
5. To instruct the school boys of every town and village in the growing of potatoes so as to make a financial profit and incidentally to contribute to the nation's resources.
6. To give instructions in the proper use of fertilizers.
7. To urge the buying of more milk cows for the farm, since the by-products of milk, as well as the milk itself, are of the highest importance.
8. To get bankers, commercial clubs, county superintendents, teachers, heads of farm bureaus and all other people and organizations over the state who are interested in agriculture to give aid in behalf of the campaign.

This is the golden opportunity for the farmer," said Dean Mumford at the close of the meeting, "and the farmers of Missouri are the first to make preparations for possible war conditions." All data necessary for such a campaign is in the hands of the faculty and work can be begun at once. Mr. Beeler emphasized the fact that the plan at present is only a temporary one and can be added to if necessary. Preparations are being made for the printing of bulletins and posters to be sent throughout the state, which will emphasize the fact that the farmer can show his patriotism to his country in no better way than by this type of co-operation and at the same time profit by the increased production. "The food shortage situation in the United States is growing more and more acute," declared Mr. Beeler, "and the farmer holds the key to the situation. It is the chance for the farmer to show his patriotism and better his condition at the same time."

Those who were present at the meeting were: Dean F. B. Mumford, who presided; Miss Bab Bell, A. J. Meyer, J. C. Whitten, H. L. Kempster, M. F. Miller, P. H. Ross, E. A. Trowbridge, O. R. Johnson and M. N. Beeler.

Baptists Will Have Decision Sunday.

Next Sunday will be Decision Day at the Baptist Sunday School and those who are not members of the church will be given an opportunity to join. This is a part of the revival service which is now in progress at the church. T. W. Young, pastor, will have charge of the program. A special musical program will be given.

Columbians Are Now Buying Flags.

More than 1,400 flags of all sizes have been sold by Columbia merchants this week. One store has sold 450 flags, valued at \$168. Two stores were unable to meet the demand, and have sent in hurried orders for a new supply. One clothing store is giving away patriotic emblems to be worn on the coat lapel.

High School Will Have Carnival.

A Carnival will be held by the athletic department of the Columbia High School Monday night in the high school auditorium.

THE WEATHER

For Columbia and Vicinity: Windy and unsettled probably with local thundershowers late tonight or Saturday; warmer tonight, cooler Saturday afternoon.

For Missouri: Fair and warmer tonight, Saturday unsettled with cooler west and central portions. Fresh to strong winds mostly southern.

Weather Conditions.
An atmospheric disturbance of considerable development covers most of the country between the Mississippi River and Rocky Mountains; it is central in Wyoming and is traveling east-southeast, attended by windy and threatening conditions but thus far little precipitation.

Local Data.
The highest temperature in Columbia yesterday was 62 and the lowest last night was 48; precipitation 0.00; relative humidity 2 p. m. yesterday 27 per cent. A year ago yesterday the highest temperature was 62 and the lowest 7; precipitation 0.00 inch.

The Almanac.
Sun rises today, 5:57 a. m. Sun sets 6:00 p. m.
Moon sets 1:37 a. m.

The Temperatures Today.

7 a. m.	48	11 a. m.	71
8 a. m.	53	12 m.	76
9 a. m.	60	1 p. m.	78
10 a. m.	65	2 p. m.	80

FOREIGN BORN FIRST TO ENLIST

Angelo Christ, Native of Greece, Joins Company F—In U. S. Three Years.

A foreign born citizen, Angelo Christ, was the first to enlist in Company F since the order came to recruit a full company of 150 men. Christ was born at Marcellowna, Coriza, coming to the United States three years ago. He is now employed in a local candy shop. He is 20 years old.

When asked why he joined the National Guard, he said, "When I became a citizen of the United States, I swore allegiance to the flag. I think that joining the National Guard is the proper way to show a love for my country."

According to Captain E. E. Major, numerous inquiries have come regarding enlistment in Company F. Enlistment at this time, he says, means service in the National Guard for three years.

PLAY WILL HAVE NEW SCENERY

"The Silver Box" to Use Improved Curtains and More Lights.

The directors of "The Silver Box," which will be given in the University Auditorium next Monday night, are busily engaged in final preparations. H. F. Carlton, R. W. Winternitz, and Prof. Jesse Wrench are in charge. New curtains and scenery will be used, and new lights will be placed on the stage.

The new curtains will be hung so that the scenery effect can be modified at will. They will be four in number, two hanging at each side of the stage, the other two suspended above. The scenery has been made by the directors themselves and is said to be an improvement over that used in the former plays given by the Dramatic Club. Two rows of lights will be placed at each side of the stage in addition to those already in place, and another row of lights will be placed overhead.

The curtains are being made by Mr. Winternitz and Mr. Carlton, assisted by members of the Dramatic Club.

MILL TAX TO BE DISCUSSED

Library to Be Considered at Mass Meeting Monday.

A mass meeting to discuss the mill tax for the proposed library will be held at 7:30 o'clock Monday night in the courthouse. Judge David H. Harris, Walter H. Braselton, Prof. J. D. Ellis and the Rev. M. A. Hart are among those who will speak. The various objections to a library will be discussed and libraries in different cities will be described.

At noon today the Rev. M. A. Hart talked at the shoe factory urging the men to vote for the mill tax.

Military Inspection to Be Tuesday.

Major C. W. Castle received a telegram this morning stating that there would be a military inspection of the University cadets at 9 o'clock, Tuesday morning, by Lieutenant-Colonel J. E. Penn. This came as a surprise to the military department as they expected to have the inspection after Easter.

Fire Destroys Section of Roof.

A section of the roof of Mrs. Arch Wood's rooming house 506 Turner avenue, was destroyed by fire early this morning. The plastering on the third floor was slightly damaged. The fire was caused by sparks coming from the flue.

MISSOURI RAILROADS WILL INCREASE RATES

Supreme Court Upholds Ruling of Commission Made in November, 1915.

OTHER STATES CITED

Delegating of Power by Legislature Is Permissible, Says Farris.

By United Press

JEFFERSON CITY, March 30.—Railroad passenger and freight rates will be increased in Missouri as a result of the opinion filed in the Supreme Court today by Judge Farris on the ruling of the State Public Service Commission in November 1915. This ruling increased the maximum freight rates 5 per cent and passenger rates, over main lines, from 2 to 2½ cents a mile with the provision in the latter rates of selling round trip tickets within the state at 2½ cents a mile if the tickets are used within thirty days, and the added provision of selling mileage books for 500 and 1,000 miles at 2 cents a mile.

The ruling of the commission was refused in the circuit court of Cole County on an appeal by Marion Rhodes of Potosi. The ruling was then appealed to the Supreme Court where the case was argued and submitted last October. The court, in its opinion, says only one point is involved in the appeal and that is the authority of the Legislature to delegate the rate-making power of the railroads to the commission as was authorized in the bill passed in 1913 establishing the commission.

The state constitution confers the power on the Legislature but the court rules that the constitution does not prohibit the Legislature from delegating the power to a commission and cites instances in other states where similar power has been delegated and the action upheld by the courts.

The question of the reasonableness or unreasonableness of the ruling is not discussed by the court. Under the order of the commission, the rates were to have gone into effect January 1, 1916, but the appeal stopped the order.

By the ruling of the court today, the railroads can proceed to make arrangements for collecting the increased rates. The ruling increases the importance of the Missouri Public Service Commission.

"MASS MEETINGS INCITE WAR"

Says Mayor Batterton—He Will Support President's Action.

"I am a strong supporter of President Wilson and will back him in anything he does, but I do not believe in agitating war by holding patriotic meetings," said Mayor J. M. Batterton this morning when asked if he would call a patriotic meeting in Columbia.

"While fighting may be the right thing to do," he continued, "I, like Mr. Bryan, want to avoid war and impulsive actions. Young Americans are too quick to get excited when there is talk of war, and these meetings are a direct source of impulsive actions which may have a great deal to do with a declaration of war. War is the last thing which I care to agitate."

BASKETBALL SERIES STARTS

Fayette Defeats Neosho 28 to 8 in a Fight for State Honors.

Fayette won the first game in the high school basketball championship series in Rothwell Gymnasium this afternoon by defeating Neosho 28 to 8. The second game in the preliminaries started at 4:30 o'clock between Fairfax and Central High School of Kansas City.

Tonight at 7:30 o'clock Charleston will play Warrensburg and the winner of the first afternoon game will play Sedalia. Tomorrow morning at 10:30 o'clock the semi-finals will be played and the finals will come tomorrow night. The losers in the first round will play a consolation series, also including the losers in the semi-finals, to determine the holders of third and fourth places. The games tomorrow night will be followed by a reception for the visiting teams and a dance in the gymnasium. The University track team gave an exhibition between the halves of the second game this afternoon.

Prof. J. D. Ellis to Talk in K. C.

Prof. J. D. Ellis left today for Kansas City, where he will deliver two addresses before the Kansas City Extension Center.